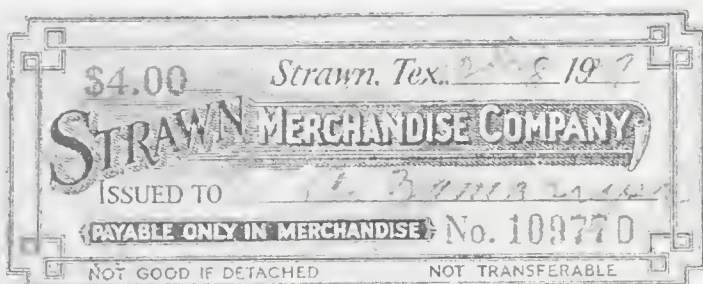


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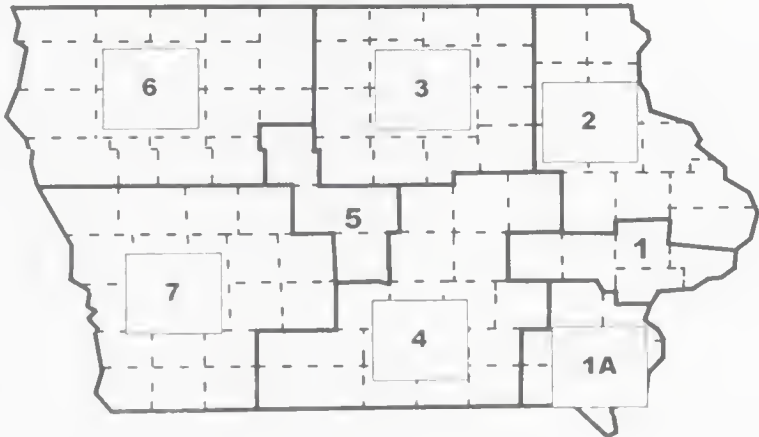
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From the Editor

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in *The Iowa Collector*? The editor welcomes news of club happenings in the *Iowa Numismatic Associations* region. Send any information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers and other club news and articles, prepared by club members, to the Editor. Include any photographs with your article, to make your story more interesting.

Send to: Editor, *The Iowa Collector*
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Presidents Message



John Jackson

Spring is here, but I am still waiting for 14 inches of snow to melt Off! I am looking forward to attending the Fort Dodge, Iowa coin show at the end of March followed by shows in Clarion, Iowa, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sioux Falls, South Dakota and CSNS in Schaumburg, Illinois. Looks like it will be a busy April.

I enjoyed attending many shows this winter and had the pleasure of seeing lots of collectors from all over Iowa and the Midwest. Most of the shows drew larger crowds than last season, so hopefully things are picking up in the hobby, even though prices are still very low. That just makes it a great time for collectors looking to add towards their collections!

I wanted to take the time to express my appreciation to all the clubs and individuals that have done a great job hosting the numerous coins shows around the area. One of the best examples is the Coin-A-Rama in Nevada sponsored by the Ames coin club and chairman Scott Nichols. This has been one of the best shows in Iowa every year and an event that everyone looks forward to attending.

As we look toward the shows coming up this spring, I would encourage everyone to get involved with their local and regional coin clubs. The time you spend will be rewarded with great memories and hopefully with lots of new friends in the hobby.

2016 is an election year for the Iowa Numismatic Association, so I would encourage anyone that is interested in getting involved beyond the local level to look at being a board member. It does not involve a lot of time commitment and you would get an opportunity to give back to the hobby in many ways.

I hope to see all of you at a show soon! I would like to invite anyone in the area to attend the South Dakota State coin show in Yankton, May 21 and 22 and the Nebraska Numismatic Association State coin show in South Sioux City June 4th and 5th. I will be assisting with these events and think the locations close to Iowa borders give us a great chance to visit our neighboring state coin conventions.

INA President,

John Jackson

From The Secretary's Desk

Beverly Ashton



Hello from Fort Dodge. Spring is here again after another Iowa winter. I don't remember the weather being too bad this year. Sam might say that's because I'm not the person shoveling the snow off the sidewalk.

We have been saying our final farewells to a few collectors and dealers. It is sad to know we won't be seeing these people anymore. We need to look around and enjoy our fellow numismatists while they are here, you never know when anyone's time is up.

This year, 2016, we vote on a new board. Please think about who you would like to have represent you & your part of the state on the INA Board and send in your nominations.

What are the markets doing? Right now gold spot is around \$1,260, with silver about \$15.50. It isn't making any sense at all. Prices are way down, but premiums are way up so it seems like we are still paying high prices. See you at the shows.

Beverly Ashton
Secretary/Treasurer

INA Board and Membership Meeting Dates

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INA's Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:

February 27, 2016 at Coin-a-Rama, Nevada, Iowa

July 9, 2016 at Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Altoona, Iowa

October 8, 2016 at Annual INA Show, Sioux City, Iowa

October 9, 2016 Open membership meeting, Sioux City, Iowa

President John Jackson called the meeting to order. The minutes were read, Denny motioned they be accepted, Dean Parr seconded and they were approved. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$10,082.36 in the general fund. Denny motioned the report be accepted, Dave Stark seconded and it was approved.

John Jackson did not have a print-out of a budget for the 2016 INA Show but he went over most of the major items and it sounds promising. Central States would like to come and do a seminar on the Friday before the show. There would be a Friday set up time for the dealers. Would David Stark do a seminar on Saturday about large cents? With a Friday seminar the dates of the show would be October 7, 8 & 9, 2016.

Will the 2017 show be in the Quad Cities? Chris Seuntjens will check this out.

This is the year for the election of a new board. Several possibilities were discussed. The Ballot will be finished at the July Des Moines show with ballots going out in August.

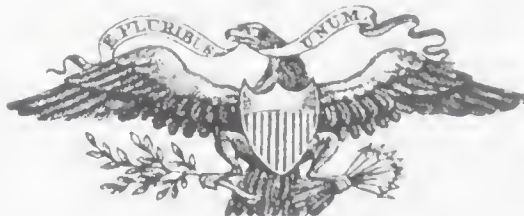
Sam Ashton mentioned that the dates for the Fort Dodge show were wrong in the Collector. He had provided the wrong dates to Denny. Easter falls on the weekend of March this year so the show had to be moved to the first weekend of April, April 2-3. The dates have been correct on the INA website.

The Des Moines show in July will be a 2 day show this year.

Denny motioned we adjourn, Chris seconded and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Ashton
Secretary/Treasurer

Members present: Denny Ross, John Jackson, Sam Ashton, Chris Seuntjens, Bev Ashton, Dean Parr, Dave Stark, Brian Sparks & Tom Flynn



From The Editors Desk



Denny Ross

Finally spring is here and the grass is green and the flowers are blooming and the coin season is in full swing.

It has been great doing the recent coin shows, seeing all those friends and customers we haven't seen in, some cases, a year.

The coin market is still on the downside with prices being the lowest we have seen in several years. Now is the time to be searching out those tougher dates to fill some of those empty holes in those albums.

There seems to be more demand for top quality type coins and the higher grades are getting more and more difficult to find,

I have noticed, at the coin shows that I have set up at, lots of new faces. We need to answer their questions about this great hobby and educate them in their endeavor to learn more about the field of numismatics.

Sadly we have had some losses to our hobby over the past few months with the passing of long time dealers, "Doc" Carberry and Harry Peters. Our sincerest thoughts and condolence goes out to their many family members and friends, including from all the many dealers who came to know them for their honesty and integrity in our great hobby.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the up coming coin shows.

Denny Ross

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Receipts		
Dues	1,740.00	
Ads	30.00	
Donations	100.00	
INA Show profit	1,779.87	
Interest	<u>1,58</u>	
	3,651.45	
Expenses		
INA Show ads	500.00	
Mailing Collector & Supplies	192.29	
Returned Collectors & Postage	14.02	
Ottumwa Printing Collector	800.01	
Harry Peters memorial	30.00	
Rusty flowers	<u>42.80</u>	
	1,579.12	
Current Balances	10,082.36	0.00
Checking	7,701.12	
Savings	2,341.24	0.00
Cash	<u>40.00</u>	
	10,082.36	<u>0.00</u>

INA Bylaws

The Bylaws can be viewed on the INA website: <http://ina.anacclubs.org>
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Burlington ----- Fourth Tuesday, No meeting in Dec., Burlington Public
Library, 210 Court St., 5:30 PM, Clarence Mitchell (a (319) 752-6052

Cedar Rapids ----- Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Rockwell Main Plant
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Fort Dodge ----- Second Thursday, ICCC East Campus, 7:00 PM, Sam
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North 5th Street 7:00 PM, Tom Gardner (a (319) 524-7366

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Oskaloosa --- Second Thursday each month, 103 High Avenue, 7:30 PM
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Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Albion Road Baptist Church, 1601 Albion Road (Basement), 7:00 PM, Kermit Uhde (641) 682-0525

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Quad City (Moline, IL) - Third Thursday, Calvary Lutheran Church, Avenue of the Cities and 29th St, 7:00 PM, Jeff Struve (309) 737-0206

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Thank you for your sponsorship!

Chris Seuntjens
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June 19 Monthly Collectors Show - Hilton Garden Inn, 2702 Mid America Drive, Council Bluffs, IA (9-3) Ed Bishop (407) 720-3355

July 9-10 Central Iowa Coin Expo - Adventureland Inn, Altoona, IA (9-5) Chris Seuntjens (515) 251-4031

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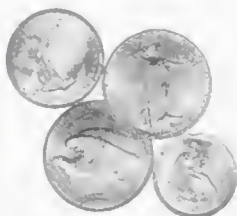
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Thursday, July 28

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Assembly & Introductions

8:45 - 10:00 a.m.

Wendell Wolka: National Bank Notes; McCulloch's Early Insights

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

15 Minute Break

10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Lee Lofthus: National Banking Inside the Treasury

11:30 - 12:00 noon

Frank Potter: The FNB of Harlan, IA (#5207); The Family Story

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

One Hour Catered Seminar Lunch Break

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Mark Hotz: "Hotz Off the Press" / Interesting NBN Collection Insights

2:15 - 2:45 p.m.

30 Minute Break

2:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Peter Huntoon: Building Great AZ and WY National Collections

4:00 - 4:15 p.m.

15 Minute Break

4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Roundtable Speaker and Attendee Discussions

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This seminar is being organized and produced in Okoboji, Iowa, by the Higgins Museum of National Banking, the event being co-sponsored by the Central States Numismatic Society, the Society of Paper Money Collectors, and the Professional Currency Dealers Association.

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In what years was the Walking Liberty half dollar produced in proof?

A. 1934-1942

C. 1936-1942

B. 1940-1947

D. 1936-1945

Of the following Walking Liberty half dollar, which one was not produced by the U.S. Mint?

A. 1928 D

C. 1923 S

B. 1933 S

D. 1947 D

Answers to above inside back page

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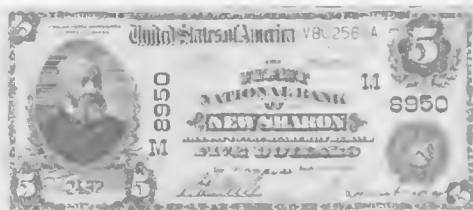
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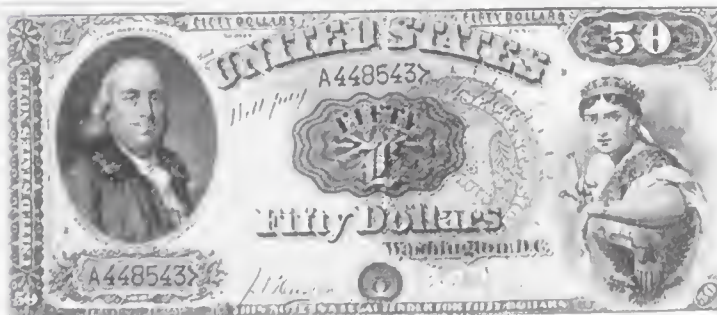
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Hunting the Elusive Token

By Bob Smith

Part 3

In 1981 my wife and I took a drive to Strawn, Texas, forty-five minutes west of Fort Worth and on the way to Ranger, Texas. I was aware that tokens were issued by the Strawn Merchandise Company and Strawn Coal Mining Company. I had been told that someone in Strawn had some of the tokens and my goal was to find this person. Strawn was a fairly good sized town in the early 1920's, with coal mines in the area and the discovery of oil in nearby Ranger, Texas. We pulled into Strawn and stopped at a small store and after asking about tokens, I was told to check with the owner of a small grocery store down the street. I drove to the grocery store and asked the owner about the Strawn tokens. He said that he had some of the Strawn Coal Mining Co. tokens but he wanted to hold onto them. He said that his father who had owned the store before him, had taken the tokens in trade to get business from the coal miners and he thought that his father might still have some of the tokens. He told me that his father was 87 years old and lived in the small house next door to his store. When I drove up the driveway next door, the old man and his wife were sitting on the front porch. I introduced myself and asked about the tokens and the old man immediately started telling the story about running the store and taking the tokens in trade. He said he

had some of the tokens out in his one-car garage. As he opened the garage door, the place was full of all kinds of mining artifacts (picks, mining helmets with carbide lights various tools, etc.), that he had picked up after the mines had closed down in the 1950's. Eventually he worked his way back to a shelf with a small box that he pulled down. We went outside where he dumped the tokens out onto the top of a 55 gallon drum. There were about 50 or so brass Strawn Coal Mining Co. Tokens, all denominations and some round and some octagonal, all were in very fine condition. He said that he would take a dollar a piece for them and I jumped at the chance. He also had a coupon book of cardboard scrip from the Strawn Merchandise Company in Lyra, Texas. Lyra is now a ghost town about three miles away, between Strawn and Thurber, Texas, and was the small community where all the coal miners lived. Strawn Merchandise had a small branch store located in Lyra, where the scrip was used. I offered him \$10.00 for the book and he was happy. My wife had been skeptical that I would find any tokens, but changed her mind after I showed her what I had found.

A short time after finding the Strawn Company Tokens and the Lyra scrip Jerry Adams and myself did some research and made a trip to find the

location of Lyra, Texas. After asking around, we found the person that now owned the land where the town once stood. He gave us permission to explore the site and look for artifacts and maybe even locate some tokens. I mentioned the Lyra scrip and the owner told us that the store where the scrip was issued was no longer there. He said that someone had actually used dynamite to blow up the store before he bought the property. This was to save paying taxes on the building.

Jerry had brought two metal detectors along and he and I spent the next hour and a half covering the ground hunting for whatever we could find. We detected along the old railroad bed (no tracks just grass) that ran across the site. We found indentions in the ground where miners houses once sat, that we determined were dug-outs where food was stored. We found a few old iron pieces, nails and a fork. There were pieces of brick scattered everywhere from the old merchandise store that was blown up. Jerry and I had big hopes when we started but left with nothing. It was still a fun day and we learned a little history.



In 1982, I made a trip to Canton First Monday to look for tokens. Jerry Adams had told me to look for a guy wearing a bowler hat and driving an old pink Cadillac with the trunk full of tokens. After walking to the area where he was supposed to be, I spotted the pink Cadillac parked under a large canvas tent, and saw a man wearing the bowler hat. Bill Corbett was his name and he showed me two boxes of Oklahoma tokens to look through. I thought that I was dreaming, especially with prices of \$5.00 to \$8.00 dollars a token. Most of the tokens were common tokens but there were a few good ones in the boxes. Bill had better Oklahoma tokens in a glass case, including saloons and Indian Territory pieces. I had come to Canton looking for Texas tokens but left that day with a very good start of an Oklahoma token collection. I bought as many as I could afford that day and made a vow to return the next month to buy more.

As I was leaving Canton to head back to Fort Worth, I took a back road out of town and spotted a small antique store, so I stopped to check it out. I went inside and asked a young lady about tokens. She showed me an old oak desk that she had bought from an old building in Pittsburg, Texas, a few miles away. Inside the lap drawer were several old cardboard tokens, signed by the president of some company. I was still learning about tokens and I had never seen any tokens of this kind. She wanted 50 cents each for the 13 tokens, but being unsure if they were tokens I decided not to buy them.

After returning home and discovering that the same type of tokens were listed in the Oklahoma book with a price of \$40.00, I soon decided to drive back to Canton get the tokens. Luckily the tokens were still there when I returned. I researched the tokens and found that they came from an old confectionery in Pittsburg, Texas, and of course unlisted.

My dad called me one day and wanted me to make a trip to Waco, Texas with him to see my aunt. We headed out early on a Saturday morning stopping for breakfast on the way. Dad wanted to take the old highway 81 that went through all the small towns rather than take the interstate 35 to Waco. Once we arrived in Hillsboro, Texas we decided to look around the town and I decided to try my luck looking for tokens. We went into a small convenience store to get a soda and after asking the lady behind the counter for tokens, she told me to check the pawn shop across the street. I then went across the street to a large pawn shop on the corner of the square and asked the man inside if he had tokens. He walked me over to a huge old safe that looked like it came from a Wells Fargo office. He opened the safe and among silver bars and bags of coins, he pulled out a small plastic box and told me to follow him to the front counter. He dumped out the contents and lying in front of me were three Texas saloon tokens, one from Fredericksburg, Texas and another from Dawson, Texas which was an old incuse unlisted token. With my

poker face on, I bought all three tokens for \$15.00 total and returned to the car where my dad was waiting. I was so happy I could shout but my dad found it amusing that I was so excited over some old brass tokens.

In 1985, I met a treasure hunter that told me he had seen seven tokens from Thruber, Texas, that were good for a stick of dynamite. Thruber is the town where all the coal miners were located and about five miles from Strawn, Texas. The story goes that in 1905, the Superintendent of the mines had built a home near Thurber and also had built a small playhouse for his two daughters in the backyard of the home. He had evidently given his daughters some of the dynamite tokens to play with and they were found in the backyard with a metal detector years later. The tokens found were displayed in a cotton lined box, five brass and two aluminum tokens. The aluminum were rare but I was more interested in two of the brass tokens. I ended up trading a set of Kristenstad, Texas tokens for two Thruber tokens. John Byers furnished the Kristenstad tokens and we ended up making a three way trade. Neither John Byers or myself had a Thurber dynamite token, so the trade worked out well for both of us. The man that had the Thurber tokens also showed me a small fireman's badge. The badge had a dark patina but otherwise was in excellent condition. On the badge was a fireman's helmet with a fire hose wrapped over the top of the helmet and the letters "Thruber Fire

Dept." He told me that he had found an old dump on someone's property near Thruber, and paid the owner to take his tractor and a rake plow and pull the plow through the old dump, spreading out the junk. In the dump was where he found the fireman's badge.

There have been many good token discoveries over the years and I am sure that there are still more tokens out there to be found. One recent discovery in the last few years, was a hoard of nice looking brass tokens found from Max's saloon, Fredericksburg, Texas, good for a 5c drink. The tokens were found in a storage shed and in a bucket full of nails and screws. It just goes to show you what you can find if you just get out and look.

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Obverse of 1940 Half Dollar



Reverse of 1940 Half Dollar

Q. David Bowers (edited and updated by Mike Sherman): In 1916 the design of Adolph A. Weinman was selected for the new half dollar motif to replace the Barber design which had been in use since 1892. Weinman, a sculptor, also produced the Liberty Head or "Mercury" dime introduced the same year.

The obverse depicts Miss Liberty walking toward the sun, her right arm outstretched, her left arm carrying a bundle of branches, and with a starry cape behind. LIBERTY is above, while IN GOD WE TRUST is to the lower right, and the date is below. The motif seems to have been inspired by Saint-Gaudens' motif for the illustrious double eagle of 1907. The reverse shows an eagle perched on a rocky crag, from which grows a pine branch, symbol of strength. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is above, E PLURIBUS UNUM is to the left, and HALF DOLLAR is below.

During the first two years of issue, the mintmark appeared on the obverse, beneath the motto "In God We Trust." Midway through 1917, it was moved to the reverse, near the edge at the 7 o'clock position resulting in both "Obverse" and "Reverse" mintmark varieties for that year. While there are no extreme rarities in the series, most issues before 1934 are scarce, particularly the issues of 1919 and 1921.

Two "short" sets are popular, one including only the issues from 1934-1947, and the other only those from 1941 to 1947.

Specimens of the Liberty Walking half dollar are readily available for the type collector, with those dated in the 1940s being most easily found. Grades available range from Good through superb Uncirculated, although sharply struck pieces are decidedly scarce. Proofs were minted from 1936 through 1942 and are available in proportion to the original mintages.

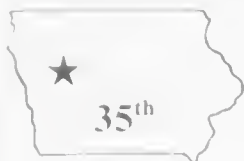
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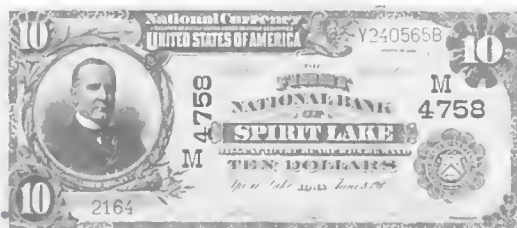
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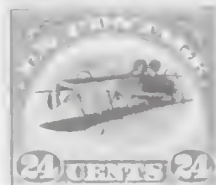
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Harry was a lifetime member of the Kanawha Christian Reformed Church where he was one of the volunteers that helped build the current building and he later served as a deacon. He enjoyed music and singing in the church choir. He enjoyed family, his hobbies and especially fishing "up North". He had many catches and "fish stories" but Mom caught the biggest trophy.

Harry was a lifetime member of the Iowa Numismatic Association and long time member of several coin clubs including the Clarion Coin Club, Fort Dodge Coin Club, Mason City Coin Club and the Forest City Coin Club as well as part time member of the ANA and CSNS.

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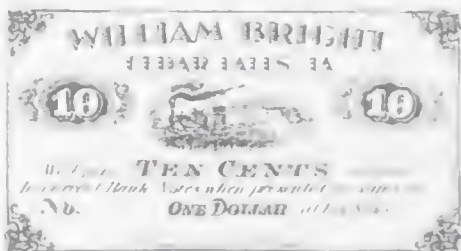
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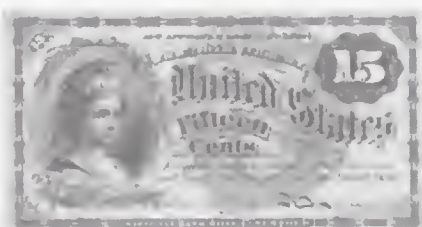
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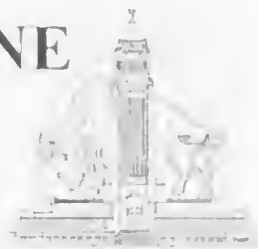
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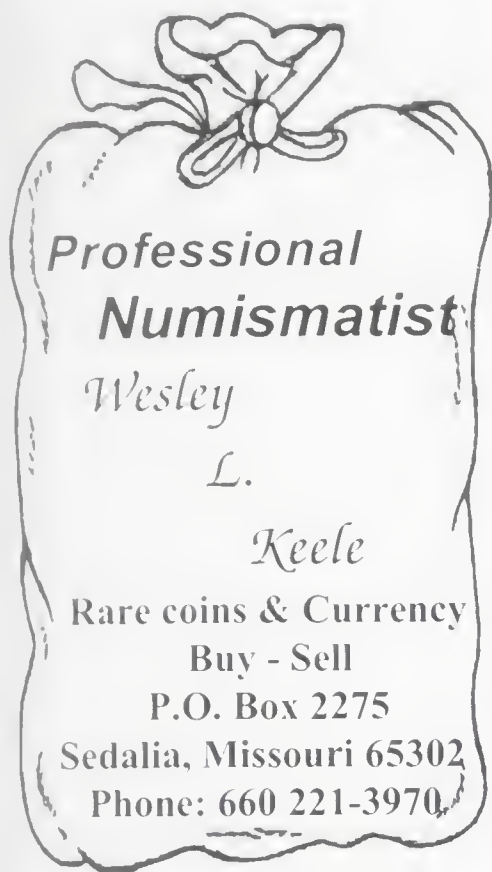
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